

**Detail Opportunity: 120 days**

Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses and Physician Assistants to Conduct Medical Reviews of Claims

HRSA/Healthcare Systems Bureau/ Division of Injury Compensation Programs

GS--13/14/15 or CC-05/06

**Apply by May 15, 2016**

The Division of Injury Compensation Programs (DICP) has a full-time detail opportunity available for individuals with a clinical background (nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, physician assistants) to review and analyze medical records, as well as to work with a team of physicians to make initial recommendations regarding the compensability of claims filed with the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). **This detail is open to HHS employees and non-HHS employees and may last up to 120 days.**

The VICP provides compensation to individuals injured by certain vaccines. HRSA administers the VICP and two other Federal entities have roles in the program. VICP claims are filed against the Secretary of HHS and are submitted to the Court. HRSA medical staff conducts medical reviews of these claims. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) represents the Secretary of HHS before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims (the Court) in these claims. The Court decides whether a claim is compensated and the amount and type of compensation.

The VICP has served as one of the cornerstones of this Nation's successful efforts to prevent infectious diseases by vaccination. The VICP has encouraged the development of new and safer vaccines by providing liability protection to vaccine manufacturers and compensating individuals seriously injured by vaccines recommended for routine administration to children. The VICP also provides liability protection to vaccine administrators. Since its inception, the VICP has made over 4,380 compensation awards. More than \$3 billion in compensation awards has been paid to petitioners and more than \$134 million has been paid to cover attorneys' fees and other legal costs for compensated cases. In recent years, the Program has had a dramatic increase in the number of claims filed. In FY 2011, 386 claims were filed. By FY 2014 and 2015, 633 and 804 claims were filed, respectively, resulting in significant increase in workload for existing staff.

**Duties may include but are not limited to:**

- Serve as the medical reviewer conducting a written clinical analysis of petitioners' claims in determining vaccine causation
- Summarize medical history and present case findings of petitioners' claims to VICP staff
- Assist VICP staff in making clinical determinations of causation of injury by vaccines

This individual will be expected to work independently and as a team player and have excellent written and oral communication and time management skills. Other desired skills include the ability to plan and

manage projects and maintain productive relationships with individuals in the Office of the General Counsel, DOJ, as well as staff members, managers, and senior agency officials in HRSA.

The length of this full time detail may be 120 days. Supervisory approval must be obtained prior to applying for the detail.

**Interested individuals should submit the following documents to CAPT Narayan Nair at [nnair@hrsa.gov](mailto:nnair@hrsa.gov) no later than May 15, 2016:**

- A current resume
- Written approval from your current supervisor
- A brief statement explaining why you believe you are a good candidate for this detail opportunity

Expires  
5/15/2016